

## LESSON IN CARVING.

HOW AN EXPERT CUTS UP A JOINT OF A BIRD.

A Science Which Is Not Well Enough Understood by Many Who Have to Practice It—Follow the Instructions Here Given, and You Will Make No Mistakes.

The scientific carving of the meats, fowl and game, now embraced by the menus of all well appointed establishments, has come to require nearly as much thought and anxiety on the part of the careful housekeeper as was formerly given to the work of that all important functionary the chef. Having this fact in mind, a reporter called on Fred C. Brandes, the expert carver of the Hoffman cafe in Beaver street, who kindly placed the following directions for carving at the disposal of the lady readers of this paper:

Many ladies have to carve for large families without any or very little experience, and a little advice from an expert carver will not come amiss. It should be borne in mind, first of all, that carving is quite an art, if done in the right way. Many think if they cut a joint or bird up in pieces that it is all that is required, but to carve neatly, artistically and economically and place invitingly on the platter or dish is quite another thing.

In the first place the carver should be seated high enough to carve comfortably and with celerity. The next thing, she should be sure to have her platter large enough to hold the entire bird when it is carved, so that no portion of it falls on the table. No string or skewer should be left in the meat or bird when brought to table, unless it is a silver skewer, which is permissible. Much depends upon the way in which the vial to be carved is placed on the platter.

Large birds, such as turkeys, geese, etc., should have their heads placed always to the left. Smaller birds, such as partridge, grouse, etc., which are usually placed across the platter, should have their heads on the farther side. A saddle of mutton should be placed with the tail end to the left of the carver, a haunch of venison or mutton, with the loin or backbone nearest the carver. A leg of mutton or veal should be placed with the thickest part toward the back of the platter; a shoulder of mutton or veal with the thickest part up. A rib roast or sirloin roast should have the backbone at the right of the platter, the flesh side should be up in a round of beef, and in a sirloin beefsteak the tenderloin should be next the carver. A fillet of beef should have the thick end at the right end of the platter, and a calf's head should be placed with the face to the right. A roast pig's head should be placed to the left, and the thickest side of a roast ham should be on the farther side of the platter.

Now for the carving, and let the joint be a leg of mutton or lamb. Put the fork in the top, turn it toward you and slice through to the bone. Slip the knife under and cut away from the bone. A saddle of mutton is always carved with the grain of the meat in long, thin slices from each side of the back. It must be turned over to reach the tenderloin and kidney fat. The leg and saddle of venison are carved in the same way. When the leg and loin are served together, the loin should be carved first. Cut off the flank first of all, and set up in pieces. Then separate the ribs, and last come the legs.

In carving fowls it is always a good plan for the carver to first study the uncooked fowl very carefully in order to get the hang of its limbs and joints. When the carver finds a joint and cuts the gristle, the leg or wing is free. It is not so easy to find the side or collar bone, but that comes with practice.

To carve roast chickens the leg is first removed, then the wing, from one side, and then the leg and wing from the other side, separating the joints. Then the breast is carved each side. Next the wish-bone comes off. Now separate the collar bone and shoulder blade, and the breast-bone from the back; then the back from the body. Then follow the side bones, and the bird is completely dissected.

The reader will bear in mind the foregoing applies correctly to all classes of fowls and birds found in the markets.—New York Advertiser.

### A Piece of Toast.

A piece of toast seems a commonplace thing enough, but every housekeeper knows it is a difficult thing enough to procure from the average priestess of the kitchen. Nor is it too commonplace to have found a place in literature. Over a quarter of a century ago the London Spectator immortalized toast as follows: "True toast," it said, "is classical—severe. Toast, we need not say, should be thin, crisp, waterlike, as well as embrowned, fresh and hot. Thick toast, with solid, fleshy bread between the embrowned surfaces, is a gross and plebeian solecism, for the true intention of toast, its meaning or raison d'être is to extinguish the foody, solid taste which belongs to bread and to supply in its place crisp, light, fragrant, evanescent, spiritualized chips of fare, the mere scent and sound of which suggest the crisp, pleasant, light chat of easy morning or evening conversation."

### Watch the Moments.

If you would make the best use of your time, look after the minutes. Keep a strict account of every hour of your time for a single week, setting down the exact manner in which every hour is spent, and see whether, when you come to review the record, you do not find it full of admonition and instruction. In this simple way a woman can readily understand the secret of her want of time. She will discover that she has given hours to idle talk, to indolence and to inconsiderable trifles which have yielded her neither profit nor pleasure. What is the remedy? Arrange

your work in the order of comparative importance. Attend first to the things which are essential to be done, and let the non-essentials take their turn afterward. The difference in the amount of work accomplished will be astonishing.—Exchange.

### Look to Your Shoes.

Why will women wear handsome gowns, beautiful hats, neat new gloves and neglect their shoes as completely as if their feet were invisible? Can anything be uglier than unblacked boots, buttons off or laces ragged or untied? If Americans would learn the lesson that Frenchwomen set them, they would not be under the suspicion of "washing the outside of the platter."—New York Telegram.

### Rehandling Steel Knives.

When the handles of steel knives and forks come off, they can be easily mended with rosin. Pour a little powdered rosin into the cavity in the handle. Heat the part of the knife that fits into the handle until it is red-hot and thrust into the handle. It will become firmly fixed by rosin when it becomes cool. Protect the blade from the heat.

### TWO GREAT FOOT BALL GAMES.

Princeton Downs Yale and Pennsylvania Is Too Much for Harvard.

New York, Nov. 23.—On Manhattan field Saturday the great foot ball game between Princeton and Yale took place before 35,000 people, thousands of them being ladies, in spite of a drizzling rain. For the first time since 1893, and for the fourth time since 1883, a representative team of the Tigers defeated the sons of Eli. The score was 24 to 6 and when it had been added that Yale's six points were scored on a fluke the story has been told, for never from the beginning of the game till its end were the men from New Haven able to cope with their sturdy antagonists. The Yale eleven was clearly outplayed on every point of foot ball; they did not kick as well, rush as well, nor run as well as the Tigers, and in their defensive play weakness was their principal feature.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—The game of foot ball here Saturday between Pennsylvania and Harvard was won by the former by a score of 8 to 6. It was one of the grandest foot ball battles ever witnessed in this country, and though the Harvard team was beaten it left the field covered with glory—and mud. In short Harvard went down with colors flying and died game, which makes the honor to Pennsylvania all the greater. Every player in the latter team was a star and the team nearly met its match.

### Woman's Selfishness.

Are women more selfish and less considerate than men? They are often accused of the most deliberate cruelty, especially toward each other. Perhaps the truth is that a woman's selfishness is more noticeable than a man's. She does not do a selfish act with that matter of fact air which a man always wears on such occasions—perhaps because her conscience is more tender and the proddings of her guardian angel more sharp. Whatever the cause, she has the reputation of being able to do malicious things and selfish things with a coolness of manner that takes away the observer's breath. But outside society novels and the comic weeklies she doesn't manifest selfishness nor cruelty without forfeiting the respect and good opinion of right thinking people. She can't elbow past people either in society or in market without a corresponding loss of good opinion. A lady of civilization learns to overcome—or at least conceal—the lingering instincts of savagery that we all have to a greater or less degree.—Womankind.

### An Airy Lamp Shade.

Over a skeleton shade of white wire, for a parlor lamp, drape an umbrella full of white chiffon. Cut the chiffon in a circular piece large enough to quite cover the frame and finish the edge with a whip seam or a ruffle of the chiffon, as you please. Then from the center cut a piece as large as a saucer, and set a two inch ruffle about this. All over the surface of the chiffon tie butterfly bows of pale yellow daisy ribbon, or what is quite as pretty and cheaper, of double rope silk of the same color. Gather up the neck and tie it about with several lengths of the ribbon or with a skein of the above named silk. White wash blond may be used instead of the chiffon, having a border of gold thread interlaced through the meshes.—New York World.

### Furniture Polish.

A recipe for a very superior furniture polish given by a dealer in musical instruments to a housewife, as the cause for the shining surfaces of the pianos in his rooms, consists of four tablespoonfuls of sweet oil, four tablespoonfuls of turpentine, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and ten drops of household ammonia. This polish must be thoroughly shaken before using and applied with an old flannel or silk cloth. Rub briskly and thoroughly, which is at least a third of the merit of all polishes. Use a second cloth to rub the mixture into the grain of the wood and a third for the final polish.

### Rocking.

Rocking, in common with other monotonous movements, such as patting and the movement of walking, seems to cause sleep by the same process as hypnosis. The sleep induced by a lullaby, the sound of running water, and even the monotonous tones of a preacher, is also probably often hypnotic in character. Only certain so-called neurotics are subject to hypnotic influence, but the majority of young children may be included in this class. There are some children who are not soothed to sleep by rocking.—New York Tribune.

### News and Notes.

The celery crop, taken as a whole, is unsatisfactory.

The tendency of the market in all lines of dried fruits is toward higher prices.

The Egyptian cotton crop promises to be the largest ever known.

To keep roots fresh for table use during winter try the plan of putting them in a box in the cellar and covering with sand.

It is told that 95,000 tons of American apples find a market in England every year.

If mature can be had, meadows may be kept in good condition for many years.

### University Extension.

Professor Moulton, who gives the course in Owosso this winter stands at the head of the list of Extension lecturers. Those of our people who heard his discourse on the Literary study of the Bible, delivered in the Congregational church last spring well know some of his power to instruct and please.

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